Her MAIESTIES Most Gracious Speech

APRIL V. MDCCX.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

't is with great Satisfaction that I come hither at this time to — return you my hearty thanks — for the many Marks of Duty & Affection which you have given me during the whole *Course of this Session.*

And I am to thank you, Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons, *in a very particular Manner, for the great Dispatch which you have made in providing. So early in the Year, such — great & Effectual Supplies for the Publick Service. This cannot but make me very desirous to — repeat the Assurances I gave you at the Opening of the Session, that they should be very carefully applied to the Uses for which you have designed them.*

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I cannot sufficiently express to you my great Concern, that you have had so necessary *an Occasion of sitting up a great part of your time towards the latter end of the Session.*

I am confident no Prince that ever sat on the Throne hath been more really & sincerely *kind to the Church than my Self, nor ever had a more* True & Tender *Concern for its Welfare & Prosperity than I have, & always* shall continue *to have.*

The Suppressing Immorality, & Prophaneſs & other Wicked & Malitious Libels, is what I always earnestly recomended, & shall be glad of the first opportunity to give my Consent to any Laws that might Effectually conduce to that End; but this being an Evill complained of in all times, it is very — Injurious *to take a pretence from thence to* Insinuate *y.e the Church is in any Danger from my* Administration.

I could heartily wish that Men would ſtudy to be quiet and do their own Buſineſs, *rather than busie themselves in* reviving *Questions & Disputes of a very high Nature, & which* must be with an ill Intention, *since they can only tend to* foment, *but not to heal our* Diviſions & Animoſities.

For my own part, as it hath pleased God to give Success to my Endeavours for the Union of my two Kingdoms, which I must ever Esteem as one of the Greatest Bleſſings *of my Reign, so I hope his Divine Goodneſs will still continue favorable, & make me the happy Instrument of that yet* more desirable *Union of the hearts of* all *my People in the — bonds of mutual Affection, that there may remain no other Contention among you; but who shall exceed the other in contributing to advance our* present *Happineſs, &* Secure the Proteſtant Succeſſion.

Finding by the Advices from abroad y.t our Army hath not yet taken Field, & y.t the Plenipotentiaries of France are still in Holland, I think it proper, at present to make the Prorogation but for a very short time.

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